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County Digs Out After Surprise Snow Blizzard

DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

EDITOR'S NOTE—I am trying my luck at writing the "Do You Know" column. I do not have the knowledge of my late predecessor, Mr. Mike Aker. He was quite a writer, both on current events and politics. Speaking of politics, Mike will be badly missed when the Primary Election time rolls around next June. Here goes.

That most of our local oystermen and manose diggers took a few days off to prepare their duck blinds this week. As the season opened Wednesday. They predict ducks will be plentiful this season.

That some sportsmen are very clever. They are using beer cans to decoy geese and swan. They dip the cans in yellow paint and pile them up like a pile of corn in a field. Some report good success.

That hog killing time is very near and it won't be long before our farmers and their families will be enjoying freshes. We hope they don't forget their friends who live in town.

That Brownie Anthony has reminded me that some of the news that he likes has been omitted from the columns of this paper. Brownie, a life-long resident, except for a few years in Baltimore, misses the news about what the crabbers and fishing crews are doing. Brownie, I will try to keep you posted. The watermen report that oysters are scarce and the price is good. About $3 per bushel. As for the fish, quite a few rock, white perch and yellow perch are being caught by hand line in our rivers and creeks.

That rumor has it that Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Seward has purchased a new home on the Marling Farms, on Kent Island. Mr .Thomas Marsalis is the owner of the residence that Gordon is leaving.

That a former resident of Queenstown, rural delivery, and now of Wye River, was complaining about being snowed in last weekend during the early blizzard. He was isolated from Friday evening until Monday morning. It seems as though the county road does not pass his property.

That quite a few motorists, both in and out of the State and also locally, were caught in some of the snow banks Friday night and Saturday morning. Traffic on Route 50 beyond the Catholic church was stalled past the farm of Frank Patchett.

That the snow plows were out early Friday evening and Saturday morning removing the snow from around the shopping Center area, on Kent Island. Wonder where they were when routes 18 to 300 and 50 were blocked up until late Saturday afternoon. Which is most important, cleaning the road for traffic and preventing accidents or clearing the snow from the shopping center?

That one of our residents stated that the plows did not clear the roads past his house until late Saturday afternoon. He lives halfway between Cntreville and Queenstown. The plows did show up in this area Saturday afternoon long after the snow began to melt. Most of the citizens through this area were under the impression that the county or State must have junked the snow removing equipment. Snow fences were at a premium, as there were very few, if any, erected in the county. The snow caught the State with its fences down.

That quite a few people were stranded in their cars. They stayed in the all night Friday night with the motors running so they could use their heaters. The Red Star Depot near town accommodated quite a few passengers Friday night when the bus from Chestertown failed to appear.

That a very little politics are being talked throughout the county. I guess neither the Old Deal or the New Deal have had time to think about politics, now that November court is in session, the surprise snow storm of last week or maybe they are getting their ducks in a row, I mean decoy ducks, now that the ducking season is open.

I hope you enjoyed reading the column.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. Richard Broady visited his wife and daughter in Rockville, Md. last Friday. Mrs. Broady and Donna Marie are spending most of this week with Mr. Broady at his apartment here.

Mrs. Margaret Hayes of Chester, Pa., is spending this week with her neice, Mrs. Hilda Skaggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Rend of Baltimore spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Pinder.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Booker and Jimmy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Combs of Wilmington.

Mrs. Naomi Thompson of Baltimore was the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horney and family.

Mrs. Delma Snyder of Harrisburg, Pa., is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kaufman.

Mr James Mann made a business trip to Hagerstown on Friday.

Stg. Robert and Mrs. Kitty Hitch spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Norman R. Hitch. Kitty remained to spend the week here among relatives.

William Edward "Tinker'" Shortall is spending a liberty here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shortall.

The Junior 4-H Club will meet this Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Jeannette Wehberg.

Have you contacted Dick Broady yet, to hear of the wonderful satisfactory convenience of using the Consumers Food Inc., Plan? No greater feeling of security could be had then to be able to sit back during such a storm as last week—with rain or snow, and know that you had food within easy reach, to last for days, when the weather conditions made it almost impossible to get to a market. We experienced this last weekend, when the storm struck here, when ordinarily provisions were running low. Don't put it off any longer, call Queenstown 4021 and let "Dick" explain how this plan saves money, time and is absolutely the utmost in convenience.

Grasonville

Mrs. Ralph Lewis of Savage, Md., is spending sometime at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Horney and family. while Mrs. Horney is a patient at Easton hospital suffering from injuries received in an auto accident. Mrs. Horney is improving at this writing and we hope she will soon be home.

Mr. Tilghman Timms underwent an operation at Memorial Hospital, Easton last week and is improving very nicely. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lulu Leary of Riverdale and Mr. and Mrs. Warren of Wilton, N.H. were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Melvin.

Mrs. Agnes Baker spent a few days last week in Annapolis with Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stevens and family .

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Thompson and family of Piney Point, Md., were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Coursey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessee Abbott and son, Jessie Jr., of Baltimore, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. King and celebrated Mrs. King's birthday.

Master Ronnie Saddler spent the weekend with Master Monty Baker in Queenstown.

Miss Mamie Bryan, Mrs. Alice Horney, Mrs. Grace Horney and Mrs. Peggy Tolson attended the funeral of Mr. Archie Bryne in TacomaPark, Md., on Monday. Mr. Bryne was formerly from Talisman farm near town and died suddenly of a heart attack at his home inRemington,Va. e extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graff of University Park, Washington, D.C., Mrs. Grace White and son of Baltimore, were weekend guests of Mrs. Grace Collier and Mrs. Collier returned to spend sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graf.

Mr. Joseph W.A. Evans is able to be out after being housed for sometime with lumbago.

Chester

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Huduall

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National Retriver Trials Slated on Shore Nov. 19-21

Finishing touches are being put on the plans for the first National Championship Retriever trials ever held on the Eastern Shore starting Thursday, Nov. 19, it was reported by John McKenney, Centreville, pre sident of the Talbot Retriever Club.

He announced that the Tidewater Inn at Easton would be headquarters for the trial and that it has already been sold out for that weekend. Several motels on Kent Island will be pressed into use for the many sportsmen expected for the three-day event.

There will be a banquet on both Thursday and Friday nights and an informal buffet supper Saturday eve ning in the ballroom.

The national championship will commence at 8 o'clock on the morning of Nov. 19 and will run through Saturday, Nov. 21, and may even ex tend through Sunday. Retrievers qualified for the national are tested in at least 10 series, five on land and five on water .The usual procedure is to run three tests on each of the first two days and four tests on the third day. If the judges are not able to determine a winner at the end of 10 series, than an additional land and water series will be held until a winner is eselcted Tentative plans are to hold the first two days of the trial in the Bennett's Point area, just below Queenstown, in Queen Anne's Coun ty, and Saturday's events in the Bruff's Island area, west of Easton, Talbot county.

C.A. Griscom III, president of the National Retriever Field Trial Club, has invited Governor McKeldin to attend the trial.

King Buck, the 1952 winner, which is owned by John M. Olin, president of Winchester Arms Company, will defend its title. He has run wtice this year and won both trials.

The only Eastern Shore-owned do gto qualify at the present is Dolcbran Jet, owned by Tom Gates, Dover. It was bred by Mr. Griscom and handled by Vance Morris.

Canadian Geese Honking Lures Hunters Into Store

Played over a public address ssystem which carries the sound over most of the town, a record of honking wild Canadian geese intended for hunters's use in blinds is decoying customers into a hardware store in Centreville.

It is also threatening to cause a rash of sore necks as people stop and stare upwards to see where the sounds is coming from.

It all started when a salesman approached F. Asbury Bartlett recen tly about stocking the records. Mr. Bartlett declined. "I didn't think they would sell," he commented.

The salesman noted the public address system set up in the store, however, and suggested that Mr. Bartlett take a few records and let the public hear them.

Since then Mr. Bartlett has had townspeople scanning the sky for geese at odd intervals during the day. "And I've been selling records," he says. People drop into the store when they discover the joke.

A few days ago a juror who had been sitting on a petit jury in the current session of Queen Anne's county circuit court complained that the geese record had been the cause of discomfort to him. The hardware store is on Commerce street opposite the courthouse.

The day was warm, he explained, and several of the windows in the courtroom were open. Every time the judge heard the call of the geese and noted the distraction to the jury however, he nodded to the bailiff and the bailiff closed the windows.

Mr. Bartlett keeps the public address system set up all the time. One use he has for it is locating husbands.

Since farmers often stop at the store when they are in town their wives sometimes try to reach them there. If the man is not in the store, Mr. Bartlett often turns on the loudspeaker and lets the whole business section of the town know who is wanted.

They come running," he adds.

Grand Jury Report On November Term of Court

To the Honorable, The Judges of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, Maryland:

We the members of the Grand Jury for the November Term of Court 1953 do respectfully make the following report:

We have been in session for four days. We examined 32 witnesses resulting in 16 presentments and 16 true bills.

Judge William R. Horney commented on the "prodigious amount of work" accomplished by the jury. It has been usual for a grand jujry to be in session two days. This jury was in session four days.

Judge Horney added that the "new Bay Bridge and the new highway" were in part responsible for increased work. "It will probably increase," he said.

The jury took no action on a request by State's Attorney Clayton C. Carter that means be provided to test for drunken driving.

The Foreman accompanied by the entire jury inspected the Jail and found same to be well kept, and some of the previous recommendations have not been completed.

We recommend:

1. New steps and hand rail for front entrance of jail of permanent material.
2. Modernize kitchen.
3. A fine be put on persons loitering around the jail.
4. Plumbing and painting to be completed.
5. We suggest the recommendations of the former Grand Jury pertaining to the ventilated, slanted windows be carried out.

The Grand Jury inspected the Court House and it was found to be in a good state of repair.

We recomend:

1. New rubber mats to replace worn linoleum in Clerk's office.

The Grand Jury requests the Superintendent of the Md. State Police to assign two additional troopers to the county, one to fill the vacancy of the resigned officer and one to help cope with the increasing criminal and traffic problems of the County.

We also recommend the County Commissioners increase the salaries of the Deputy Sheriff's.

We wish to thank the Court, the Officers of the Court, the State's Attorney, the State Police ,and the County Enforcement Officers for their courtesy and assistance.

Having finished our labors we now pray to be discharged.

Respectfully, Percy E. Thomas, Foreman, Francis L. McClyment, Clerk.

Centreville Firemen to Told Country Fair Nov. 19, 20, 21

Committees have begun work on the fifth annual Goodwill Firemen's Country Fair to be held in the Centreville firehouse Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19, 20, 21, it was announced last Friday by Chief C.E. Turner, general chairman.

The local firemen have been holding this fall event for the past four years after deciding that summer carnivals took more money out of town than remained here to benefit the volunteers.

This affair, probably the only one of its type in Maryland, is run solely by the firemen and their auxiliaries and all proceeds remain here to provide the people of Centreville and surrounding territory better fire protection.

Booths are set up the second floor auditorium of the firehouse and prizes are awarded throughout the evening as county auctioneers "call' for various items donated by merchants, town citizens and farmers.

The fair was held at the Centreville Armory last year for the first time, but moved back to the firehouse this year because it was felt that oo much space was wasted. There is no admission charge to the fair.

FOR SALE—Duo Therm space heater. Heats 4 rooms. Used one winter, good condition. Also Thor electric ironer, used very little. Guaranteed. Apply to Walter Jewell, Queenstown, Md Phone Queenstown 3271.

Many Marylanders Bid Farewell to State Ferries

Two Chesapeake Bay ferry boats formerly owned by the State of Maryland will be leaving Baltimore soon on what is probably the longest trip any ferry ever made.

The former Gov. Harry W. Nice and the former Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor are going to be taken in tow for a 6,000 mile trip to Seattle and will enter the service of the State of Washington in the Puget Sound area.

They will leave from the same place where they were built, by the Maryland Drydock Company in Fairfield.

The ferries were among five sold by the State Roads Commission when opening of the Chesapeake Bay bridge ended their usefulness. The Washington State Toll Bridge Authority bought the Nice for $226,000 and the O'Conor for $301,000.

Maryland Drydock officials said the work of preparing the ferries for the ocean voyage was just about ocmpleted.

These preparations include water-tighting the low-slung boats by closing all openings, including the car decks; putting on false bows to take heavy seas; lashing down all loose materials, and putting in quarters for the crews of four for each.

Two tugs, the Wando and the Monarch, are en route here from Seattle, via the Panama Canal, to take the ferries in two. The operation is commanded by Capt. H.I. Anderson, operations manager of Washington State ferries for 30 years.

The tugs were due to dock at Baltimore last Saturday or Sunday and the Nice and the O'Conor will say farewell to Baltimore and the Chesapeake on Sunday or Monday, depending on the weather.

They won't be the Nice and the O'Conor any longer, however. The Nice has been renamed the Olympic, and the O'Conor has be re-named the Rhododendron, for the Washinton State flower.

However, they won't be forgotten here, in either a sentimental or material way. Name plates from both the Nice and the O'Conor were removed and given to the Maryland Historical Society for preservation in its archives.

Court Demands Divorce Case

The Court of Appeals has declared that Circuit Judge William R. Horney should not have relied on his "imperfect recollection" to deny a divorce.

Horney is chief judge of the Second Judicial Circuit on the Eastern Shore.

He refused a divorce to Henry O'Donnell, 36, Grasonville oysterman. The judge recalled previous testimony in Juvenile Court that O'Donnell was the father of another woman's child.

The State's high court returned the case for further proceedings under a law providing for more complete testimony or evidence that would fortify a decision.

Judge William L. Henderson said the circumstances were enough to arouse Judge Horney's suspicion that 'ODonnell was guilty of adultery and should not receive a divorce on his own request. At the same time O'Donnell may have been able to present a defense.

"We think the chancellor should have required the production of testimony, instead of relying upon his own imperfect recollection, but because of the public policy involved we think the case should be remanded for further proceedings," Judge Henderson said.

O'Donnell sought the divorce on grounds of desertion. His wife earlier had filed a similar suit charging adultery.

FOR SALE—1 Room Cottage, 14x20, city convenience, heat, water lights, 50x50 ground plot, shrubbery around premises, house insulated, on public highway, 3 minutes to public landing on Chester River. Very suitable for a single man or a eldery couple, or a small gunning club. Easy Terms. Apply to the Queenstown News, Queenstown, Md., Phone 2161-2001.

Queen Anne's Digs Out After Surprise Snow Storm

Snow-clogged back roads were still being cleared early this week in Queen Anne's County as the area dug out from the worst snowstorm to hit here in many years .The storm marooned an uncounted number of children in school buses and private motorists Friday night and Saturday.

State police reported no serious accidents on the heavily-traveled highways of U.S. 50 and 213 during the weekend.

Two school buses carrying 15 and 13 children each were stuck Friday night and the children with their drivers spent the night at farmhouses. Other buses were marooned and smaller number of passengers taken to farm houses. Four of the buses were not pulled out until Sunday afternoon.

State police opened a 4-½mile stretch of expressway between Centreville and Queenstown to traffic when Route 18 became clogged with cars and trucks.

Telephone and electric power, off during the weekend in some portions of the county, have all been restored.

17-Year-Old Escapee Found in Sister's Yard

A 17-year-old youth escaped from a deputy sheriff in Centreville Tuesday afternoon but was captured less than an hour later in his sister's home in Hope, about six miles north east of Centreville.

The boy, Ronald J. Patterson, of Centreville, was being returned to Queen Anne's County Prison after his probation on a charge of robbery had been revoked by Chief Judge William R. Horney in Circuit Court in Centreville.

Deputy Sheriff J. Orem Cecil said that Patterson broke away from him, ran down a street about two blocks and jumped into a car. State police were notified and Trooper First Class W.H. Massey checked the home of his sister in Hope and found the boy in the back yard after his sister had denied that he had been there.

Patterson's escape was reported at 3:15 p.m., and his arrest 54 minutes later.

He had been sentenced to up to three years in the State Reformatory for Males at the last term of Circuit Court on a charge of assault with intent to rob. Tuesday afternoon J. Lewin Burris, probation officer for Kent and Queen Anne's counties, recommended the probation be revoked.

Meanwhile, three Kent Island men were sentenced to three yars each in the Maryland Penitentiary, Baltimore, Tuesday on charges of robbery of $9 on Oct. 30.

Sentenced were Richard Sorrell, 18; Hirma S. Stower, 18, and Leonard A. Carter, about 30.

The men were found guilty of holding up James Sheppard, 51, a Kent Island oyster shucker.

County Spends $2,00 In Polio Fight

More than $2,000 has been spent this year by the Queen Anne's County Chapter for Infantile Paralysis on county victims, it was announced Monday by Herbert Goldstein, county chairman, in citing the need for support of the 1954 fund drive to begin on Jan. 1.

He pointed out that there are 11 polio cases listed in the county, and nearly every case is being taken care of by funds which had been contributed by county citizens in the annual drives.

In one case, a young girl, Waundelyn Wilkenson, spent one month in an iron lung, the only case which has had to have this treatment.

Goldstein announced that he had named Miss Catherine Kirwan, Chester, as head of the fund drive for nexty ear. Miss Kirwan is a native civic leader on Kent Island.

Her assistant will be Miss Dorothy Kerber, Chester, and A.S. Gadd, Jr., cashier of the Centreville National Bank, will be drive treasurer.